

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Hugh (nmi) Barrass et al.  
Serial No.: 10/033,044  
Filing Date: December 26, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 2668  
Examiner: Steven Blount  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ELIMINATING  
NEAR-END CROSSTALK IN A DIGITAL SUBSCRIBER  
LINE SYSTEM

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 3, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the comments set forth below.